

America Needs You— To Balance the Budget



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U.S. Representative
Iowa's 1st Congressional District

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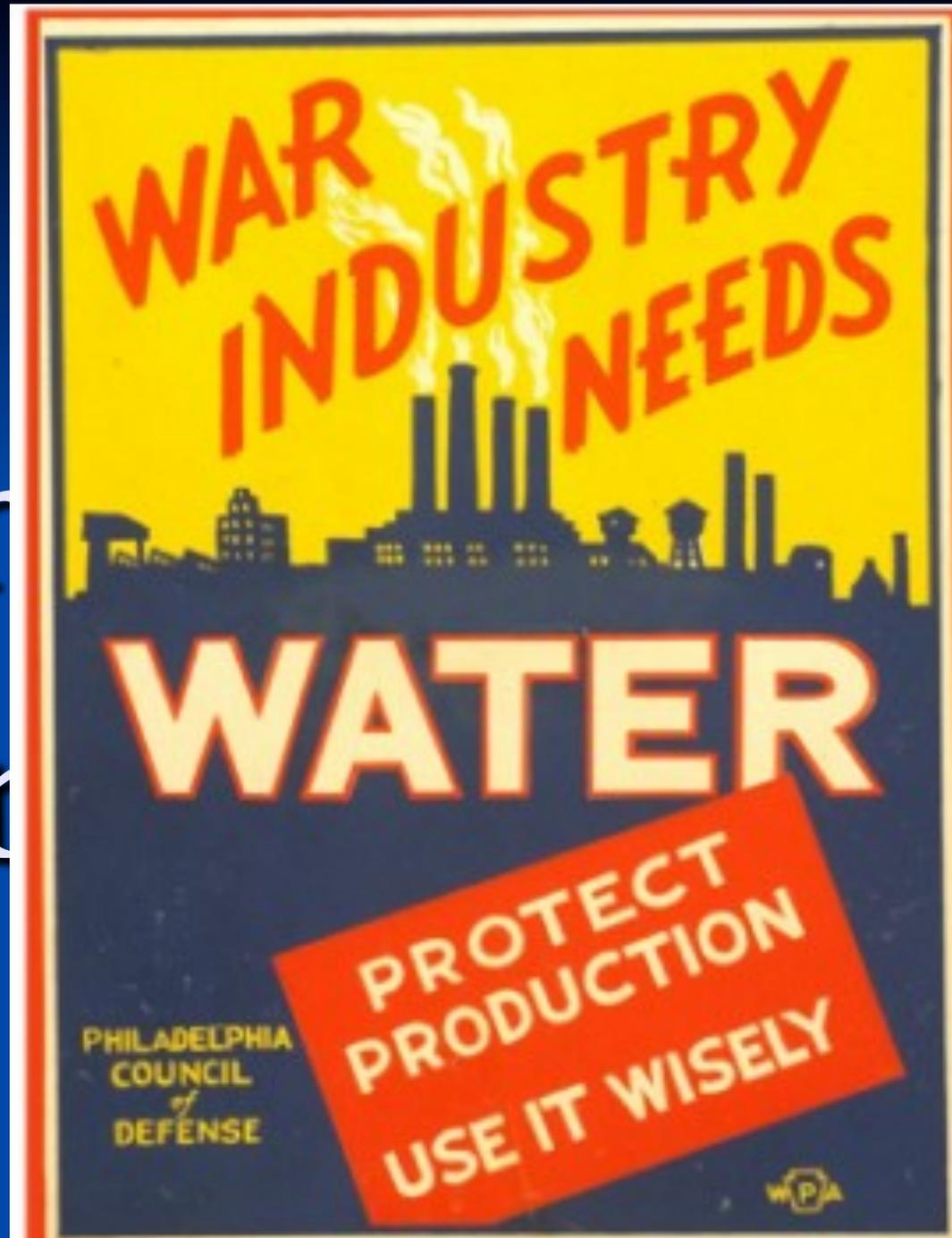
No excuses

Simple Truth:

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Real time

You decide

You deserve...

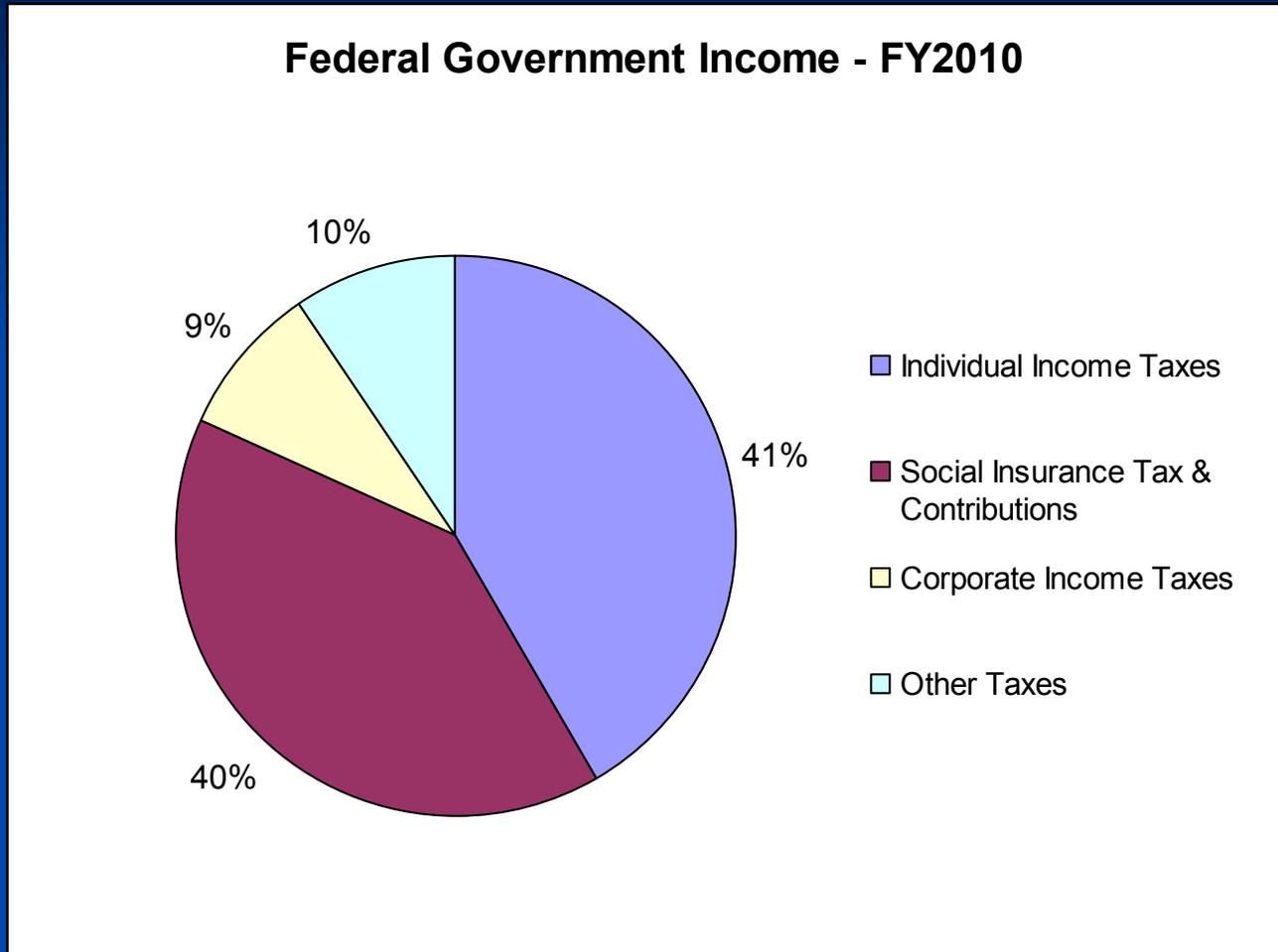
**...Government that
works for YOU**

Why are we here today?



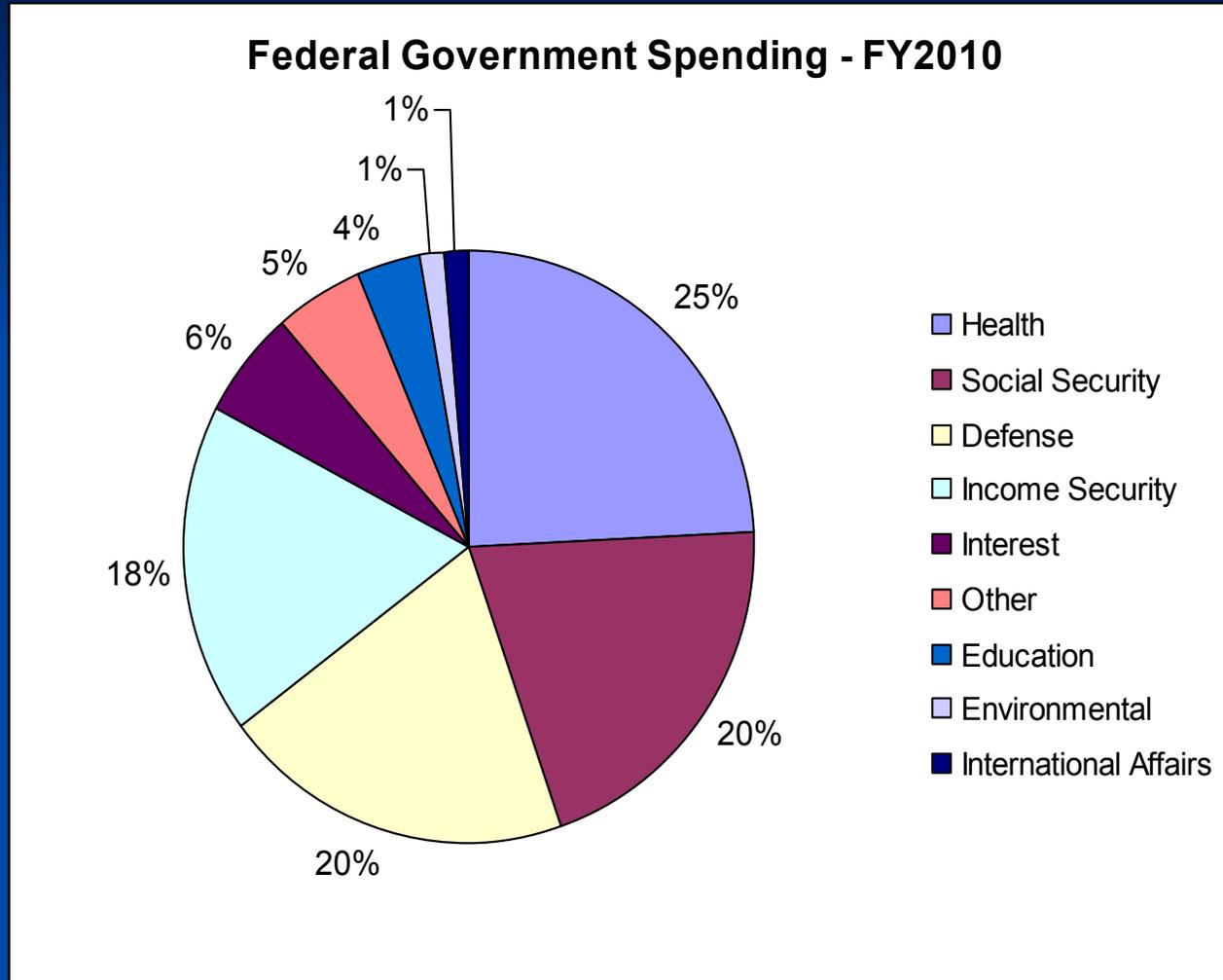
Fred Schwengel Memorial Bridge on I-80

Federal Government Revenue



Total FY10 Revenue: \$2,162,000,000,000

Federal Government Expenses



Total FY10 Expenditures: \$3,456,000,000,000

The Real Impact – Health, 24%

Medicare, Medicaid, Safety, Veterans Health



Peoples Community Health Clinic, Waterloo



Connolly Residence, Dubuque



St. Ambrose Center for Health Sciences
Education, Davenport

The Real Impact – Social Security, 21%



Parkersburg



Manchester



Fayette



Waterloo Social Security Administration Office

The Real Impact – Defense, 20%



Sivyer Steel, Bettendorf



Bagram Air Base, Kabul,
Afghanistan



Rock Island Arsenal



The Real Impact – Income Security, 18% Unemployment, Housing, Food Stamps, Nutrition, Disability Insurance, Other



HEART YouthBuild,
Dubuque



National Federation of
the Blind of Iowa,
Waterloo



Northeast Iowa Food Bank, Waterloo

The Real Impact – Other, 5%

Homeland Security, Science, Research, Energy, Agriculture, Transportation, Disaster Recovery, Veterans Benefits, Other



Eldridge



Parkersburg



Davenport



Waterloo



Cerro Gordo County

The Real Impact – Education, 4%



University of Northern Iowa



Grundy Center



Anamosa

The Real Impact – Environment, 1%



Waterloo



Mississippi River

The Real Impact – International Affairs, 1%



Japan Earthquake & Tsunami



Haiti Earthquake

The Problem

In: \$2,162,000,000,000

Out: \$3,456,000,000,000

Annual Deficit:

\$1,294,000,000,000

More Information

<http://braley.house.gov/>



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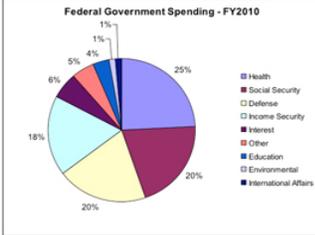
Reducing the Deficit

The annual budget deficit has gotten out of control, and I believe we need to find bipartisan solutions to balance the budget.

First, I have called on President Obama to freeze all non-discretionary spending in all federal agencies. Second, I have gone after waste in Medicare, which could save as much as \$700 billion in unnecessary health care costs, due to many unneeded services being provided. Third, I've worked to cut down on excessive defense contracts to firms like Blackwater and Halliburton, which have wasted billions of dollars. Finally, in February 2011, I supported nearly \$450 billion in cuts to federal spending.

I'm working hard in Congress to reduce the deficit, and I know that our current spending is unsustainable. This is also why I'm a big supporter of Pay-As-You-Go, which compels Congress to find savings for the money it spends, which keeps our deficit from increasing. Under the *Statutory Pay-As-You-Go Act*, which I've endorsed, Congress is required to find savings to balance any new tax cuts or entitlement spending. We must address our current deficit, and we must also stop the bleeding by requiring Congress to Pay-As-You-Go.

I have worked hard to restore fiscal discipline to the United States government, and reverse the spending that has occurred over the last number of years that sent our nation into debt. I am fully committed to the pay-as-you-go principle, and I will work tooth and nail to balance the budget while also helping rejuvenate our nation's struggling economy.



Category	Percentage
Health	25%
Social Security	20%
Defense	18%
Income Security	18%
Interest	6%
Other	5%
Education	4%
Environmental	1%
International Affairs	1%

Healthcare 

Clean Energy 

Economy 

Veterans 

Recovery Package 

Issues 

Additional Information:

[Text of the FY12 House Republican Budget](#) [PDF]

[List of the 475 Organizations that Oppose the FY12 House Republican Budget](#) [PDF]

[Text of the FY12 House Democratic Budget](#) [PDF]

[Information about the President's FY12 Budget Proposal](#)

Recent Action:

[Braley does Administration on Libya Costs](#) - Quad City Times, 4/13/11

Let's get to
work